

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended). A system for managing fleet vehicle preventative maintenance requirements comprising at least one means to transmit a vehicle maintenance trigger to a remote location, ~~each~~ of said means to transmit positionable on one of said vehicles in said fleet; a means to determine maintenance requirements of a vehicle based upon said vehicle maintenance trigger, said means to determine located remotely from said fleet of vehicle and communicating periodically with said means to transmit; and a means to alert maintenance personnel of vehicles requiring maintenance as identified by said means to determine, said means to alert communicating with said means to determine, said means to alert being remote from said means to determine.

Claim 2 (original). The system according to claim 1 wherein said means to transmit further transmits a vehicle identifier.

Claim 3 (original). The system according to claim 1 wherein said means to determine includes a computer communicating to said means to transmit and said means to alert though a network.

Claim 4 (original). The system according to claim 3 wherein said means to alert further comprises a touch screen.

Claim 5 (original). The system according to claim 1 wherein said means to alert further comprises a computer station having a visual display device.

Claim 6 (original). The system according to claim 5 wherein said computer station is a personal digital assistant.

Claim 7 (original). The system according to claim 1 further having a computer readable memory accessible by said means to determine, said memory having stored therein vehicle specific maintenance schedules indicating recommended maintenance intervals for scheduled maintenance, each scheduled maintenance having associated maintenance tasks.

Claim 8 (original). The system according to claim 7 wherein said vehicle specific maintenance schedules contains recommended parts associated with each maintenance task.

Claim 9 (currently amended). ~~In combination with a computer system comprising a host processor and a database accessible by the host processor and at least one maintenance response station communicating with said host processor, said database having stored thereon vehicle specific maintenance schedules indicating recommended maintenance intervals for scheduled maintenance, each scheduled maintenance having associated maintenance tasks, a~~ A method of managing the preventative maintenance requirements on a fleet of vehicles, ~~the method comprising the steps of :~~

- a. periodically receiving signals at ~~the~~ host processor, the host processor associated with a computer system and having access to a database within the computer system, wherein the signals containing maintenance trigger data associated with a specific vehicle in said fleet of vehicles, and wherein the database has stored thereon vehicle specific maintenance schedules indicating recommended maintenance intervals for scheduled maintenance, each scheduled maintenance having associated maintenance tasks;
- b. comparing each of said received maintenance trigger data to maintenance schedule data;
- c. for each comparison in step b, determining whether maintenance is indicated on said vehicle associated with said maintenance trigger data;
- d. if maintenance is indicated, identifying said vehicle at said vehicle response station.

Claim 10 (original). The method of claim 9 further including the steps of receiving a request from at least one of said response stations to detail said scheduled maintenance associated with said identified vehicle and in response to said request, displaying said maintenance tasks associated with said maintenance at said response station.

Claim 11 (original). The method of claim 9 further including the steps of receiving a request from said response station to create a maintenance work order for said identified vehicle and said indicated maintenance, and in response to said request, opening in said database a work

order record, and displaying portions of said open work order record at said requesting response station.

Claim 12 (original). The method of claim 11 further including the steps of receiving requests from said response station to edit said open work order record, and editing said open work order record in response to said requests.

Claim 13 (original). The method of claim 9 wherein said vehicles in said fleet of vehicles are mechanized outdoor application vehicles.

Claim 14 (original). The method of claim 13 wherein said mechanized outdoor application vehicles are utilized at golf courses.

Claim 15 (original). The method of claim 11 wherein said maintenance trigger data includes an engine hour meter reading or an odometer reading.

Claim 16 (original). The method of claim 11 further including the step of receiving a request from said response station to close an open work order record, and in response to said request, closing said open work order and storing said closed work order in said database.

Claims 17-21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (previously presented). A system for managing fleet vehicle maintenance requirements comprising a series of vehicles and a series of transponders, each said transponder positionable on one of said vehicles, whereby said transponder periodically receives vehicle performance data from said vehicle and transmits a response message to a computer system remote from said vehicles, whereby said computer system correlates said response messages to maintenance work to be performed on said vehicle and if said correlation indicates maintenance work is recommended said computer system generates a maintenance requirement alert message, and a maintenance response station communicating with said computer system, whereby said maintenance response station displays an alert to users of said system in response to said maintenance alert messages.

Claim 23 (previously presented). As system as in claim 22 wherein said transmission is performed in response to said vehicle performance data exceeding a predetermined range of value or values.

Claim 24 (previously presented). A system for managing fleet vehicle maintenance requirements comprising a series of vehicles and a series of field work station computers, said field work station computers accepting vehicle performance data from said vehicles and communicating periodically a response message to said vehicle performance data through a network to a host computer system remote from said vehicles, whereby said host computer system correlates said response messages to maintenance work to be performed on a vehicle and if said correlation indicates maintenance work is recommended, whereby said host computer

system generates a maintenance requirement alert message, and a maintenance response station communicating with said host computer system, whereby said maintenance response station receives said maintenance requirement alert messages and displays an alert to users of said system in response to said maintenance alert messages.

Claim 25 (previously presented). A system as in claim 24 wherein said field work station computer communicates with said host computer through a wireless or wired connection to said network.

Claim 26 (previously presented). A system as in claim 22 further including a database having stored thereon vehicle parts list associated with the respective vehicles, said computer correlating said maintenance response message with parts associated with said maintenance work indicated, said computer transmitting said correlated parts to said maintenance response station, said maintenance response station adapted to display said correlated parts.